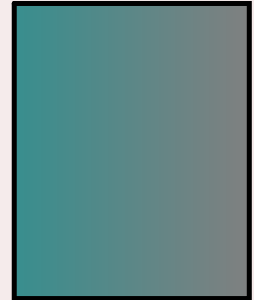


The Frontier

Many people moved West in the late 1800's

The government passed laws encouraging people to move West (Little House on the Prairie)

Homestead Act, Timber Culture Act, Desert Land Act



Farm life was hard and many people returned to the cities
Machinery improved production
Railroads shipped goods to urban areas

Mining towns sprang up quickly and died quickly

Towns tended to be rowdy
Vigilantes maintained order

Cattle raising drew many to the West

Longhorn cattle from Texas driven to the rail head
(long drive)
The cowboy life appealed to people
Battles arose between cattle men and sheep men
and between cattle men and farmers (Range Wars)




Native Americans were in the way of Westward expansion

Indian tribes often fought amongst themselves

Counting Coup 

As whites moved west they killed the buffalo to make room for the railroad 

Violent encounters increased

The US government tried to Americanize the Indians 

Reservations made the tribes dependents on the government

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